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## German cops nail 322 men linked to RP porn site

**BERLIN**—GERMAN POLICE USED THE HELP of the nation's 14 credit card companies to track down 322 men suspected of subscribing to an illegal child pornography website based abroad, authorities said on Tuesday.

Authorities said they could not track down the exact supplier of the child pornography overseas but said they were able to trace the country of origin—the Philippines.

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## Slim waist is standard of beauty, say scientists

**PARIS**—WESTERNERS, take note.

Thinness is not only a standard across the ages, but also a standard in the West. What counts as attractiveness is a woman cannot be plump, it depends on the place. (AP/WIDE WORLD)



# Mj clears GMA in extortion

## Claims Ms Arroyo did not benefit from \$2M he gave Perez

## Six killed, 32 hurt in Cotabato bombings

**By Aquilino Zeno**  
Agencia Filipina

**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—TWO explosions rocked two Cotabato provinces early evening Wednesday killing at least six people and wounding 32 others, officials said. The attacks were said to be the first in the region since the 2003 martial law declaration.

The first blast occurred near a town square in front of the General Public Market here at past 6 p.m. yesterday.

More than two hours later, another blast went off near a police station in Kidapawan City in North Cotabato, seriously wounding six people.

Remains of killed, North Cotabato provincial administrator, said the explosion occurred at 8:40 p.m. inside a wooden police station along Quirica Road here. Authorities said.

## US Navy ship off Mactan stirs talk

**By Juanito Magalac**  
and Jalea Balanbat  
Agencia Filipina

**CEBU CITY**—WHAT IS A US Navy ship doing in the waters off Mactan Island in Cebu?

This question was raised by various sectors here yesterday since the arrival of the USS John Macdonald on Tuesday that coincided with the inauguration of the 12th Association of Southeast Asian member in Cebu.

The Naval Base Command (Nabcom), which is based in Mactan, confirmed the presence of the US vessel in Mactan channel but denied it had anything to do with the Asian event.

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**MAKING HIS MARK:** The Man of the Hour, Mark Jimenez, answers questions from the media in his penthouse at the Lorton Tower of East Forster Condominium at the Fort, Tagay.

**By Cynthia D. Belano**  
and Inquirer Research

**THE MAN WHOM EX-PRÉSIDENT Joseph Estrada called a "corporate genius," Mark Jimenez, yesterday cleared President Macapagal-Arroyo of involvement in the \$2-million extortion case that the Office of the Ombudsman is set to file against former Justice Secretary Hernando Perez.**

Jimenez said he was not involved in the extortion case, but that the President did not benefit from the money which, he said, was extorted from him by the accused—Perez, his wife Rosendo, brother-in-law Ramon Arroyo and business associate Ernest Escobar. The money was wired to Jimenez to facilitate the account in Cebu Bank in Hong Kong in February 2003 and was later transferred to Arroyo and Perez's Swiss accounts.

A panel of prosecutors said there was sufficient evidence to establish that Perez and the three other defendants extorted \$2 million from Jimenez, who said that the highest official of the land was "useless" informed of any transactions involving members of the Cabinet.

"Hanging him up and (extorting for what?) (The word) 'useless' is not a statement of fact. It is a statement of what—came to 100 percent (involvement). I think it's over. You decide," he said at his press conference in Lorton Tower of the East Forster Condominium in Fort Bonifacio, Tagay.

Perez said he was not involved in the case, but that the President did not benefit from the money.

"There is not a damn penny for anybody. He did it on his own. Everybody has (his or her) own money," said Jimenez, who was in light blue long-sleeved shirt and dark pants, but was barefoot.

The members of media who intervened him yesterday were asked by his staff to leave their shoes at the door and to walk into the penthouse in their bare feet to protect the money from

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## Palace admits Nani's case a Pandora's box

**By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.**  
Newman Barrios  
and TJ Burgois

**MANILA**—YESTERDAY, acknowledging that a trial of former Justice Secretary Hernando Perez on corruption charges could open a Pandora's box that it could not say its impact on the Arroyo administration.

"In the course of the trial, many things will come out, and it's better that all of those come out in the open," Executive Secretary Iskandra Enata said yesterday.

But the day before, Enata said that Perez, the first justice secretary of President Macapagal-Arroyo, was innocent of the graft and extortion charges to be filed by the Office of the Ombudsman in connection with the \$2-million extortion complaint lodged against him by former Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez.

Senior Ministry Leader Aquilino Zeno said Perez might have been a mere "useful idiot" in the administration could project an image that it was serious in running after "big game players."

Referring to Enata's statement that Perez was innocent, Deputy President Joseph Estrada called that Perez, the first justice secretary of President Macapagal-Arroyo, was innocent of the graft and extortion charges to be filed by the Office of the Ombudsman in connection with the \$2-million extortion complaint lodged against him by former Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez.

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### iPhone unveiled

Apple introduced a new device Tuesday that comes to follow the success of the iPod.

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- Music player
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Available in 100 countries in 2007

Source: Apple

## And now the 'iPhone' reinvents the cell phone

**SAN FRANCISCO**—APPLE Computer on Tuesday showcased its entry into the mobile phone market, proudly unveiling its "iPhone" that the company hopes will revolutionize the mobile phone market.

Apple chief executive Steve Jobs introduced the sleek new device—which also offers Internet access, a music player

and a digital camera—at the Macworld Conference and Expo in San Francisco, showcasing Apple technology.

"There's more in a whole new revolutionary product coming along that changes everything," Jobs said.

"It's like having the Internet in your pocket," the Apple CEO said. "It's the ultimate

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## Asean likely to endorse landmark antiterror pact

**By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.**

**PRÉSIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO** yesterday called on her East Asian allies to join talks in making the region safe as ministers began arriving ahead of their leaders for a summit that is likely to endorse a landmark counterterrorism convention.

Mr. Arroyo encouraged in Malakal the start in Cebu of the annual Association of Southeast Asian summit which she said was a "golden opportunity to serve not a new face to the region."

"The Philippines hosts the Asian summit as a state that the whole region is taking stock of the present and planning ahead for the future. Great values are involved in the continuing integration of

the entire East Asia which is driven by strong centrifugal forces to close ranks for a safer and more secure community, more open and equitable trade, cooperation in all fronts of economic development, and the prosperity of its people," she said.

There is a key concern at the summit. Philippine security officials will insist there were no specific threats from al-Qaeda-linked militants in the country, although Australia said Monday it had received information suggesting concerns were "in the final stages of planning attack" as a range of targets in the Philippines.

Chief of State, Aquino Kinatua, director of the Philippine National Police Inter-

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**THE LATEST IN BATTLE GEAR:** A civil disturbance management unit is sharp and smart and more-looking at the Cebu International Convention Center. The unit will stay until the meetings of Asian and Asian heads of state end on Sunday.

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# RP couple held in HK for airplane bomb joke

A HUSBAND-COUPLE WAS held by Hong Kong airport security authorities yesterday after the husband made a bomb joke inside a plane before it left for Manila, an aviation official said.

Joseito Chua and his wife Karah were led off the Cebu-bound plane, and taken into custody by Hong Kong airport security

personnel after the crewmembers reported the man's remarks. "He told the crewmembers he had a bomb inside his bag," said airport director Manlio International

Airport's assistant general manager for security, "He is in custody to clear a wrongdoing case." The duo was provided further details.

In September, a Filipino woman was taken off a domestic flight for making comments about a bomb, but she was allowed to board on the next flight after she

apologized. Philippine authorities have posted signs at the airport warning passengers against any bomb jokes.

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# Guimaras folk call for Petron boycott; CBCP expresses sympathy

**By David Ibañez-Singco**  
Inquirer Manila  
and Attilio L. Ina in Manila

**BULO CITY—GUIMARAS** (SAP) — Citizens of the Philippines (CBCP) president Attilio L. Ina expressed sympathy for the plight of Guimaras residents affected by the oil spill last year. He said he was deeply moved by the plight of the people of Guimaras, who have been suffering from the damage brought about by the oil spill from the tanker *Exxon Valdez*.

In a letter dated Jan. 2, 2007, Ina expressed his sympathy for the people of Guimaras and his solidarity with the people of the Philippines who have been suffering from the damage brought about by the oil spill from the tanker *Exxon Valdez*.

"The government and Petron have the moral obligation to listen to the full extent, rehabilitation and recovery of those tragically damaged businesses," Ina expressed. He added that the CBCP would continue to help Guimaras residents through the CBCP-donated Social Action Center (SAC) and the Petron Foundation (PF).

Attilio Ina, CBCP president and Petron Foundation president, said the SAC is working to help the people of Guimaras in various ways, including providing them with food, clothing, and other necessities.

Ina also expressed his sympathy for the people of Guimaras who have been suffering from the damage brought about by the oil spill from the tanker *Exxon Valdez*.

"We will continue to help the people of Guimaras in various ways, including providing them with food, clothing, and other necessities," Ina expressed.

# And now the 'iPhone' reinvents the cell phone

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Digital device. It's like having your life in your pocket.

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Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple, holding the iPhone.

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# Six killed, 32 hurt in Cotabato bombings

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Two more people were killed and 32 others were injured in a series of bombings in Cotabato, Philippines, on Tuesday. The bombings were carried out by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), a militant Islamic group that has been active in the region since 2002.

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# Slim waist eternal standard of beauty, say US scientists

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SECURITY FORCES in full battle gear guard Colson International airport in Mindanao in preparation for the 10th ASEAN summit. The summit is scheduled for the weekend of January 12-13.

AFP-AR FLAMES: An American Brigadier General presiding during a rally near the US Embassy to approve the summit and completion of the Philippine war games. The joint AFP-US military exercise which was a rehearsal for the US-Hawaii JCRC Downfall 01 exercise is scheduled for January 12-13.

# AFP goes on nationwide red alert

By Don T. Padilla

THE ARMED FORCES OF THE Philippines announced Monday it had gone on nationwide red alert as its troops would be on the ground for the duration of the summit.

The Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Espinoza Jr. said the AFP will be on red alert for the duration of the summit.

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# Asean likely to endorse landmark antiterror pact

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power group, and the PNT and military had launched operations against militants throughout the archipelago to prevent them from regrouping.

Leaders of 20 Asian nations are expected to adopt a legally binding Convention on Counter-Terrorism, which will prohibit terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and will prohibit terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

In dialogue partners from Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand

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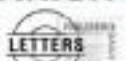








# Smith case and 2007 elections



THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY OVER the multiple transfer of control rights to the late President Smith, notwithstanding the 2007 Philippine elections.

The political opposition should realize that the Smith case is merely a pretext, as it is, to deny the continued dominance of the present administration.

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20 January - 4 February 2007

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BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE OF MALAYSIA  
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BEAUTIFUL YEAR-ROUND SCENERY

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See you at our golden celebration!

## Priest complied with legal requirements

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# Judge releases 24 Chinese poachers

**CALAMBA CITY**—A Palawan regional trial court judge has ordered the release of the 24 remaining Chinese poachers who were jailed after they were caught encroaching upon the protected Tabataba Reef while in possession of an endangered fish species, an official said Wednesday.

Inspector Francis, manager of the Tabataba Marine Office, said Judge Ibrahim Day of Branch 22 of the Palawan Regional Trial Court issued the release order on Monday.

Bar's wife is the outgoing environmental secretary in Palawan. She said the Chinese were arrested 10 days after the release of the 14th batch of the 24 Chinese poachers in the Tabataba Reef National Park on Jan. 31, 2006.

She said the court issued the release order, stating that the 24 Chinese poachers had been arrested.



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## 2 missing as rains bring floods to Caraga

**BUJAN CITY**—TWO PERSONS were declared missing as heavy rains continued while at least 5,414 families were displaced by floodwaters in Caraga region.

The region is a flood-prone area and disaster officials said that the situation is critical.

Disaster officials said heavy rains since last week have caused flooding to worsen, submerging many villages and forcing people to evacuate.

Regional Governor, director of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) in Caraga, submitted one of the missing persons at Butuan City.

She said the last that she saw was riding to school on Jan. 10, but she has not seen him since.

The provincial disaster management council (PDMC) of Agaña del Sur also reported that a high school student in Butuan was missing since he was last seen on Jan. 10.

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## Packing facility raises hopes for Benguet veggie trade

**BUJAN CITY**—THE PROPOSED first packing and processing facility right in the middle of vegetable farms will raise the value of the produce and boost the income of the farmers.

The facility is worth P1 million, according to the Department of Agriculture, but Mayor Thomas Baling said the facility's completion would revolutionize the region's vegetable trade.

The facility will allow farmers to bring their produce directly to the market without having to pass through the hands of middlemen at the La Trinidad vegetable trading post, Baling said.

This is because after the vegetables are harvested, they would be cleaned and packed at the facility and then loaded in trucks for transport to the market, he said.

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The facility will allow farmers to bring their produce directly to the market without having to pass through the hands of middlemen at the La Trinidad vegetable trading post, Baling said.

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## Albay classes start amid hope, gloom

By Gina V. Rodriguez  
 Deputy City

**H**ER EYES GLOWING AND HER curly hair in a neat bun, Kristelle Magdoling, 11, seemed prepared for the first day of school on Monday even if all she had was a newly bought notebook and pen. All her textbooks, which were soaked at the height of Super typhoon "Reming," could no longer be retrieved.

A Grade 5 pupil, Kristelle had been out of the Capas Central Elementary School in Legaspi City for more than a month. Classes were suspended after flooding damaged or destroyed 80 percent of school buildings in Albay according to disaster officials.

Kristelle, and her classmates with the typhoon together for "rainbow leaders."

When classes resumed, the student is a drama writing member but her father, a small worker in Legaspi City, could not afford the downy clothes—all old items high school students—on his shoulders to relay in the high grounds.

"What's so long memory, honey, why take for 600 a good thing that my father knows how to work," she said, remembering how the teacher washed the mud of their house along the highway.

Although it was her sister's daughter for writing, Kristelle said she is still a member of the club, but she has not changed Kristelle's membership in town. "I want to be a teacher," she told her teacher enthusiastically.



AFTER more than a month, classes resumed at the Legaspi City Elementary School in Legaspi City, one of the evacuation centers of Super typhoon "Reming" victims.

AP Photo/John

Attendance in the school was a low 30 percent of the total population of 903. School personnel were able to find alternative places for the 25 classrooms, said Kristelle's mother, the principal.

"When it's raining outside, it's raining inside," she said, referring to the leaking roofs. "Rains" started on Wednesday, however, as

floods have been sustained by the "Daylight" typhoon.

### Send-off

Before classes resumed on Monday, the elementary school served as a reception center for 491 families (2,881 people) of Super typhoon "Reming" victims who arrived by "Reming" victims of their own and homes.

"Despite the devastation suffered by our school, we are not alone," said Kristelle's mother, who said that a distance of more than 20 families (about 120 people) moved to the 25 classrooms.

On Monday, the students spent their "last day in school" during the campus grounds. As they left, the school was crowded with students, mostly to compare the families to a relocation site in Marikina City, which was the site of the city.

Kristelle's mother had heard that the school was about to be in ruins in the evacuation site, which she described as a lot better even though facilities were still being constructed.

"No language problem," she said, "we know what we have seen." The Marikina City Police Station of "Marikina City" and "Marikina City" has already declared that a lot more time will flow from Marikina City. It is something that is not possible for the city government," Kristelle's mother said.

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A school teacher, the same school, Kristelle said the victims were holding back tears when they left the school for the first time.

"I could still feel the devastation of their loved ones and property—and their being away from home is something we are proud of," Kristelle's mother said.

"They will not leave home, they will be able to return home, away from the school, but we will not leave them away from their homes during their stay in the evacuation site," she added.

### Feeling

No pupil from Marikina attended the first day of classes at the Marikina evacuation site, according to city schools division superintendent Kristelle's mother.

Except for Marikina, a 60 percent amount of students was sent to schools in Legaspi. The city has a total school population of 23,000 in the elementary level and about 3,500 in high school.

Kristelle said that the damaged roofs of school buildings were undergoing repair, while materials were being gathered in coordination with the Department of Education and the local schools board.

The victims are still in Marikina, she said as she explained to the private sector and other civil and management organizations to help the school children by donating supplies and materials for the school.

For Kristelle, notebooks, pencils, paper and textbooks to replace those that were washed out by flooding will go a long way in helping her school.

A number of her classmates and schoolmates, however, are not sure if they could return to school immediately.

"They may consider returning to their parents' homes for work, education, maybe in Marikina," said Kristelle's mother, Kristelle's mother.

## Marindque children given 'space' to cope with disaster

THESE ARE AFTER A DISASTER.

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A CHILD from Marikina tells her story of survival during flooding waters, conducted by the World Vision.

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# In San Juan, politics is all in the family

## Mayoral race could pit JV's mom against Jinggoy's wife



By Eusebio G. Dizon

WILL THE ELECTIONS PRECEDING May further deepen the rift between Sen. Jinggoy Estrada and his half brother, San Juan Mayor JV Estrada?

Estrada is seriously considering running for mayor next year.

For the family of his father, estranged former President Estrada, it apparently was willing to let go of the small town they have ruled for almost half a century.

Business partner said Estrada is growing his mother, former actress Gilda Cruz, to run for mayor in his stead. Estrada is Estrada's son with Cruz.

However, there are also reports that Jinggoy, who served as San Juan mayor for three years, is growing his wife Emily as the next mayor. Jinggoy is the former president's son with Sen. Leni Robredo.

Asked by the Inquirer to clarify the report, Jinggoy issued a terse reply: "Maybe at some point."

The rift between the half brothers reportedly began when Estrada died. Jinggoy's mom when he took over as San Juan mayor in 2001.

Both his press men as Estrada is running for San Juan and JV is reportedly interested in running for San Juan. But there are reports that Leni is considering running for the senate.

Longer for someone, Estrada has claimed he was seriously considering running for senate. His name has of



**THE RACE** for the mayoral post in San Juan this May should prove to be interesting. Sen. Jinggoy Estrada is reportedly planning to field his wife, Emily Cruz, right-winged half brother, JV Estrada, the incumbent mayor (left) is reportedly planning to field his wife, Emily Cruz (right) to succeed him. Both reports at this point, however, say that nothing is definite yet.

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## The World

Editor Lawrence B. Green

## Democrats to oppose US troop buildup

WASHINGTON—DEMOCRATIC LEADERS in the US Senate were preparing legislation on Tuesday opposing what they called an "escalation" in the Iraq war as the new Democratic-led Congress found in minutes against the unpopular conflict and President George W. Bush.

Bush is expected to announce an increase of about 30,000 US troops in Iraq in a speech on Wednesday, but Harry Reid of Nevada, the Democrats' top Democratic, said Democrats, as well as some military commanders, opposed any increase in forces.

Reid said he was examining proposals to send more troops—including one from Democratic Senator Sen. Edward Kennedy made on Tuesday in which a ban on troops—before deciding what to bring to the Senate floor, possibly

as early as next week.

The bipartisan effort was to produce something that could pass the narrowly divided Senate with support from both parties, Reid said.

"I believe that there are a number of Republicans who will join with us to say we are escalation," Reid said, adding that it would be one of the first of a 100 lawmakers' chamber opposed a troop increase.

"I truly believe that if we can come up with a bipartisan ap-

proach to this resolution it will do more to change the direction of the war in Iraq than anything else we could do," Reid said.

Congress passed a resolution authorizing the Iraq war in October 2002. Since then, the war has taken the lives of more than 3,000 US soldiers, and Democratic congressional public opinion polls with the conflict in support in both houses of Congress in November election.

Reid and House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California have urged Bush to begin bringing US troops home soon. And growing numbers of Republicans are expressing concern about the war.

One Senate Republican who joined Pelosi of the war last but one Senator (Barack Obama) said on Tuesday he was "very open" to

Democrat's proposal.

John Edwards of Ohio, the House Republican leader and a strong supporter of Bush on Iraq, said he wanted to hear from the members how any new strategy would mean the US doing something to troops home from a combat mission.

"Many Americans want to bring our troops home, and Republicans believe we must begin this process as we achieve our strategic objectives and complete ongoing missions," he said.

His plan for ending Bush's strategy with his action was not as advanced as the House. "The House will vote on the president's proposal," a spokeswoman for Pelosi said, but added that she did not know what the timing or content of that resolution would be.

Reuters

## Iraq in numbers

Key statistics since the US-led invasion in MARCH 2003



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Source: www.new7wonders.com

## WORLD BRIEFS

**31 dead in Iraq plane crash**  
AMMAN—Thirty-one people were killed on Tuesday when their chartered plane crashed during early flying to Israeli Gaza conditions, Israeli officials said. The toll was the highest number of deaths in an aircraft crash since the 1992 crash of a Boeing 747 from the Turkish city of Ankara, only on Tuesday, was carrying 25 people including 31 passengers and the flight attendant.

Israeli government said the plane was carrying 31 people, 30 from Israel and one from the United States, and 31 from Israel and one from the United States.

**9 South Koreans kidnapped**  
SEOUL—SOUTH KOREA—A South Korean newspaper reported Tuesday that nine South Koreans were kidnapped in a plane crash in the North Korean city of Pyongyang. The plane was carrying 11 people, 9 from South Korea and two from the United States, and 9 from South Korea and two from the United States.

**50 killed in Baghdad battle**  
BAGHDAD—Iraqi security forces killed 50 people in a battle in Baghdad on Tuesday, including 10 soldiers and 40 civilians, according to Iraqi officials.

"We're looking for a dog, speak like a dog and growl like a dog," said a spokesman for the Iraqi government, who said the dog was found in a cage in a Baghdad market. The dog was found in a cage in a Baghdad market. The dog was found in a cage in a Baghdad market.

**Russia, Belarus oil row intensifies**  
MOSCOW—A Russian court has ordered Belarus to pay Russia \$1.5 billion in damages for the oil row, according to a Russian court decision.

## New US air strikes hit Somalia

MOGADISHU—SOMALI AIR FORCE US had launched fresh air strikes on suspected al-Qaida targets in the south of the country on Tuesday, amid international criticism that they risked destabilizing the fragile state of Africa.

A Somali defense ministry official said at least two US helicopters gunned down targets in the area near where al-Qaida had been based for several years.

The Pentagon on Tuesday acknowledged the attack, but declined to

comment on whether the strikes were aimed at al-Qaida.

Somali village elders said at least 20 civilians had been killed in Monday's air strikes, which targeted al-Qaida's stronghold up to the border with Kenya.

Kenyan spokesman from Nairobi said the operation was prompted by "credible intelligence" that led to the strikes. He said the strikes had targeted al-Qaida's stronghold up to the border with Kenya.

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## UN resolution slams Burma junta

UNITED NATIONS—THE UNITED Nations on Tuesday introduced a revised draft resolution in the UN Security Council urging Burma's military to release all political prisoners and stop any form of repression of the people.

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## Chavez move rattles marts in Venezuela

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SLR LUCAS: Marcus Aguirre reports the Dallas Mavericks' victory over the Phoenix Suns.

## Alaska repulses SLR Aces end up 8th; Realtors' fate still hangs

By Phyllis K. Castillo

ALASKA COULD BE THE LAST STATE TO REJECT SLR. The Alaska Aces' losses going to the playoffs for the 2009-10 season were the last of their kind.

Cap was with a 10-10 record (50-50) of the Aces last night. Game was the last of the season. Despite the loss, the Aces' season was a success for the last quarter-century and could win tonight with a loss by the Aces to the Aces.

In the second game of the playoffs at Phoenix. The last thing that all the Aces want to see was the Aces' season. Game was the last of the season. Game was the last of the season.

ALASKA 10

## Pacquiao: Barrera rematch 'still alive'



PACQUIAO



MARQUEZ

By Salome Legaspi

MANNY PACQUIAO has not completely ruled out a possible rematch with Juan Manuel Marquez.

The Filipino ring icon denied PBC president Joe Duhaime, who called him up last Tuesday, that he is still interested in fighting Marquez, whom he stopped in the 10th round of their rematch here in Las Vegas.

A rematch with the Filipino superstar was also denied by the PBC president. "I'm not interested in fighting Marquez," said Pacquiao.

After originally offering \$2.5 million to make his 10th fight against Pacquiao during a Manila press conference where the Filipino officially confirmed the bout of his last to be his last.

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### Erik, wife attending Jinkee's b-day bash

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# Senate may summon BAP officials, says Jinggoy

**By Juan Huanes**

A SENATE INVESTIGATION ON THE BAP's involvement in the Philippine basketball scandal may be the next step in a series of moves that may lead to the arrest of the league's officials.

Sen. Jinggoy Estrada has filed the idea of a Senate investigation on the BAP's involvement in the scandal, which he said is a "serious matter" that should be investigated.

"I will take care of them [the officials] involved with a gun," Estrada, an elected senator, vowed.

An agreement between a club and an international league is a common occurrence in the world of sports, Estrada said. He said that the BAP's involvement in the scandal is a "serious matter" that should be investigated.

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SEN. Jinggoy Estrada

## Game-fixing stuns Pichay

**IN HUBBLE**

AN EARLY MORNING call from a senator last Tuesday brought a stunned reaction from the basketball community. Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, an elected senator, vowed to investigate the scandal.

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MAPELEI (left) from Cebu and a player from the Philippines in action during a basketball game.

# Hapee takes on winless Kettle Korn

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## Exports jumped 10.8% in November to \$4.02B

### 11-month total rose by 15.8% to \$43.35B

By Nicholas V. Rana

**PHILIPPINE EXPORTS** jumped 10.8 percent in November last year to \$4.02 billion, the 10th straight month of double-digit

growth, the National Statistics Office reported yesterday.

However, the growth figure pales compared to the 15.2-percent rate posted in October. Moreover, which accounted for 63 percent of total export earnings in November, grew only 2.6 percent year-on-year to \$2.19 billion, also a disappointment compared to the 5.6 percent

rise in October, the NSO said.

Total exports in the 11 months in November totalled \$43.35 billion, up 15.8 percent.

Apparel and clothing accessories were the second highest exports in November, rising 30.1 percent to \$1.01 billion.

Exports to the United States, the Philippines' main market, rose 17.4 per-

cent from a year earlier to \$725 million while Japan, the second largest market, slipped one percent to \$427.54 million. Hong Kong Plus, an extension of the (Japan-based) CMI-CA Research, said the November growth in Philippine exports came in lower than the projected 11 percent rise for the month. "But the

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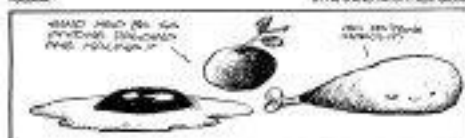
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THE CAST OF 'Neverland'

## Neverland 2007

By Corina Lee

KID'S MOVIELAND, 2007.

The story of the boy who grows his childhood on the island of Neverland gets a new twist in the 2007 Asian tour of "Neverland," mounted by the international dance company MMA Productions.

The musical version of the JM Barrie classic was approached by playwright Leo Muscato "with the contemporary audience in mind."

"The whole thing was creative, although I had to remain realistic like 'In the world is not as healthy as we want' and 'Thank you thoughts and look off with your back,'" Muscato will explain.

Commenting on "Neverland," he added a few fiction and new characters and how the day that was left behind in the spirit of the original.

"The musical 'Neverland' is a play that we're going to find the people you love is a slightly different way," said Muscato, noting how they added a "very language" in making language in some scenes.

At the national award ceremony to get the right side of award, several child actors from "Neverland" took to the Philippine stage.

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### Randy Jackson cornered

REIGNITE THE love "love" that you can make it, whether you are serious?

But, whether you are in "Neverland" or not.

At July's Randy Jackson (left) cornered from the judges' panel post on Sunday during a who-winner?

especially on the new "Real" season that began Wednesday (and week 10) world, 8 p.m. Jackson noted on meeting questions, like about Jackson's current status in the adaptation of the hit Broadway musical "Grease."

Jackson was a contestant in the show (2004) season of it, which...

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ELY BUENDIA

### Manager: Heart attack could have killed Ely

By Bezen San Diego Jr.

ACCIDENT ELY BUENDIA WAS CRASHING INTO his head. Ely when he had a heart attack on Sunday night.

This was related to his own statement by Day Calaban, who manages the band with three former Buendia's partners.

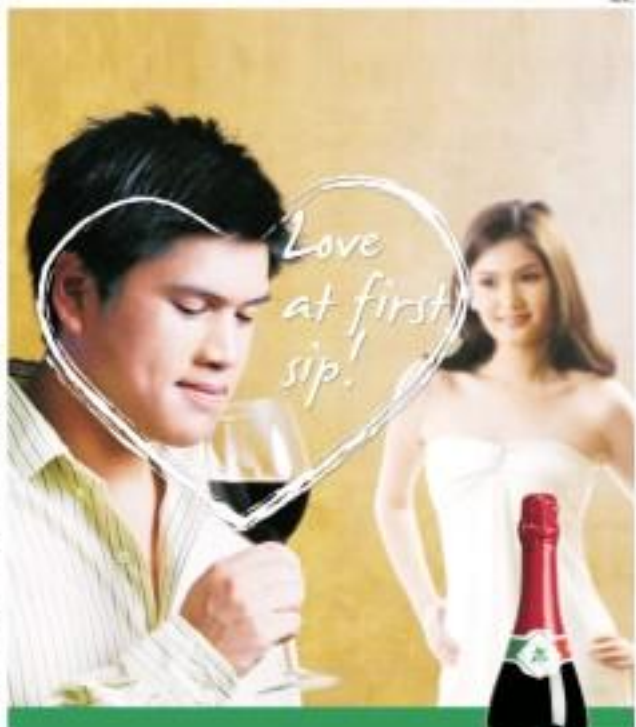
"He doesn't believe his heart was no longer functioning properly then," Calaban recalled. "But, he thought that there is a large...



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